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Representative Ben Unger and Senator Chris Edwards,

The entire premise that it is wise and prudent for O.D.A. to ignore their mandate to protect current industries and defacto promote this taxpayer subsidized commodity crop, canola, still leaves most of the producers of major crops in the Valley in disbelief. Have they no one in the Department capable of checking the sad historical record of Western Europe, Great Britain, and other areas as close as British Columbia, regarding canola's adverse effects on established horticulture systems? Considerable testimony was provided earlier in committee against the entire "new" administrative rule concerning canola's safe production areas in the State, and the Willamette Valley's original 2006 rectangle of exclusion must not be one of them!

We in the fresh vegetable industry ask why should "we", State of Oregon, gamble with the viability of profitable industries here presently, when thoughtful analysis of the detractions leave really no valid reason to allow this threat to escape, which it most assuredly will.

As a past President of the Oregon Fresh market Growers Association, a group that represents well over a 30 million dollar industry, we have, and will continue, to raise objections to this proposed travesty that is canola production in a high value, diverse production area.

Respectfully,

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